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Chief Executive Officer

November 13, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS: LOS ANGELES RIVER
TRASH AND DEBRIS COLLECTION SYSTEM
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 4)
(3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

1. Find that the supplemental contract work is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve supplementing Contract No. 74396 for the Los Angeles River Trash and Debris Collection System with Frey Environmental, Inc., located in Newport Beach, California, by an additional \$250,000 to increase the annual not-to-exceed amount from \$450,000 to \$700,000 for the current contract year ending March 10, 2008.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to annually increase the contract amount up to an additional 25 percent of the annual contract sum for unforeseen, additional work within the scope of work of the contract, if required.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to supplement the annual contract amount for this service. This service is designed to provide the operation, maintenance, and monitoring of the Los Angeles River Trash and Debris Collection System. This

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supplement is necessary due to the recent rains that transported a large volume of debris that accumulated in the various underground storm drains because of the lack of rain over the last two years. As the result of this recent rain, over 300 tons of debris were harvested using this collection system.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs that we provide Service Excellence (Goal 1), Organizational Effectiveness (Goal 3), and Community Services (Goal 6). Having a contractor that has the specialized expertise to provide this service accurately, efficiently, timely, and in a responsive manner supports the Department of Public Works (Public Works) in meeting these goals.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund. The additional \$250,000 will increase the contract's annual not-to-exceed amount from \$450,000 to \$700,000, plus 25 percent for unforeseen, additional work within the scope of the contract for the current contract year ending March 10, 2008.

Financing for the additional service is in the Fiscal Year 2007-08 Flood Control District Fund Budget. Total annual expenditures for this service will not exceed the contract amount approved by your Board.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On March 11, 2003, Synopsis 33, your Board approved Contract No. 74396 with Frey Environmental, Inc., located in Newport Beach, California, for an annual not-to-exceed contract amount of \$450,000 for a period of two years with five 1-year renewal options, not to exceed a total contract period of seven years.

This collection system is designed to trap and remove vegetation and urban trash from the Los Angeles River. The removal of material at the mouth of the river has improved navigation in the Port of Long Beach, reduced its deposition on recreational areas and in aquatic habitats, and has improved water quality and visual aesthetics.

All terms, conditions, requirements, prices, and specifications of the contract will remain unchanged.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On November 16, 1999, Synopsis 40, your Board found that the pilot demonstration project for this collection system was categorically exempt under Section 15301, Class 1, and Section 15305 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The continued operation and maintenance of the project is also categorically exempt from CEQA Guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The approval of this request will not result in any impact on other current services or projects.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Administrative Services Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William T. Fujioka", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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Chief Executive Officer

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c: County Counsel
Department of Public Works (Flood Maintenance)